

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO.

121-59

REPORT MADE AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	DATE WHEN MADE 5-17-48	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5-1, 3, 5, 7, 10, 13, 14, 17-48	REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH A. WITHERS
TITLE Sub-Carrier - Applicant, U. S. Post Office Department, Memphis, Tennessee			CHARACTER OF CASE LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

The name of [redacted], appeared on a list of members of the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America, which organization has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835. Interview of neighbors, acquaintances, employers, and former school teachers failed to disclose any disloyal information re this applicant. Credit and criminal checks negative. Memphis Informant T-3 advises that applicant and **ERNEST C. WITHERS**, Memphis, Tenn., joined U.N.A.V.A. upon receipt of endorsement of this organization by heavyweight champion **JOE LOUIS**; that applicant is no longer a member and has never participated in activities of U.N.A.V.A.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter to Memphis dated April 14, 1948.
Bureau letter to Memphis dated May 6, 1948.
Report SA HAROLD B. HOBLIT dated May 8, 1948 at St. Louis, Mo.
Houston teletype to Memphis dated May 11, 1948.
Washington Field letter to Memphis dated May 6, 1948.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 121-3958-6
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 6 - Bureau (AKSD) <i>4 copies to Carl Lennie Johnson</i> 2 - Memphis <i>1 copy to [redacted]</i> 71 JUL 2 - 1948	RECORDED - 47 INDEXED - 47 17 JUN 7 1948

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Lieutenant PERRY WILLIAMS, Identification Bureau, Memphis, Tennessee Police Department, advised that the records of his office contained no reference to this applicant. The records of the Nashville, Tennessee Police Department likewise contained no reference to [redacted] b6 -4
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The records of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C., were checked against the name of this applicant and no criminal record was located pertaining to him.

Memphis Confidential Informant T-3, of known and proven reliability, who is active in the affairs of veteran's organizations in the city of Memphis, advised that he has been acquainted for a great number of years with [redacted] of the applicant. He is also well acquainted with this applicant. He stated that he has always known these individuals to be highly reliable and of excellent character, particularly with reference to their loyalty and patriotism to the United States. He specifically advised that he has never heard the loyalty or patriotism of [redacted] questioned. With reference to the membership of [redacted] in the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America, T-3 stated that he had engaged in conversation with one ERNEST C. WITHERS, a youth of Memphis, Tennessee, who is a close friend of applicant [redacted] WITHERS and [redacted] were in the Army together, and both were discharged on the same date at Fort Bliss, Texas. WITHERS advised T-3 that immediately following their discharge from the Army at Fort Bliss they returned to the city of Memphis. A short while after arriving home, both [redacted] and WITHERS received certain literature from the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America soliciting their membership. Included among this literature was a strong testimonial in favor of this organization written above the name of world heavyweight boxing champion JOE LOUIS. WITHERS further explained to T-3 that based solely upon the recognition accorded this organization by JOE LOUIS, he and [redacted] decided to join, and accordingly filled out the necessary applications and submitted the same to Houston, Texas by mail. WITHERS further explained to T-3 that this was the last official connection either individual had with the United Negro and Allied Veterans of America. They have engaged in no functions of this organization and have not preserved their membership therein.

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WITHERS further stated to T-3 that neither he nor [redacted] receives correspondence from this organization at the present time and no longer consider themselves as members thereof. b6 -4
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The records of the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities were checked at Washington, D. C. and found to contain no reference to [redacted] b6 -4
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The records of Memphis Informant T-4, another Government agency which performs personnel investigations, were checked at Washington, D. C. and found to contain no record of applicant [redacted] b6 -4
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Confidential Informants

Informant T-1 is Confidential Informant [redacted] as indicated in the report of Special Agent ARDIS D. HOPPER dated October 4, 1946 at Houston, Texas. b2 -1 b7D -2

Informant T-2 is [redacted] Nashville, Tennessee, who has previously furnished information to this office relative to the Southern Negro Youth Congress, and who has requested that his identity be protected. b6 -2 b7C -2 b7D -1

Informant T-3 is Confidential Informant [redacted] b2 -1 b7D -2

Informant T-4 is the check of the records of the Civil Service Commission as indicated by letter from Washington Field Office to Memphis dated May 6, 1948.

Informant T-5 is the check of the records of Intelligence Division of Army as indicated by letter of Washington Field Office to Memphis dated May 6, 1948.

All investigation reported herein as conducted at Nashville, Tennessee was performed by Special Agent WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE. All other investigation reported at Memphis, Tennessee was conducted by Special Agent JOSEPH A. CANALE.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

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